

## REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claim 52 is pending. Claims 27 through 51 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 27 through 51 were again variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent Nos. 5,966,496 (Takimoto), 3,728,228 (Law), and 4,931,883 (Baumeister, et al.). (The Official Action also relies at page 3, line 2 upon “Navco”; however, it is not understood what “Navco” refers to and clarification is requested in this regard.) All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 52 recites, *inter alia*, a memory writing unit configured to write the information signal reproduced by the reproduction unit into the memory unit *in different manners* in accordance with the discrimination result of the mode discrimination unit. (Applicants respectfully note that Claim 52 has been formulated in view of the recitations of Claim 1 of parent U.S. Patent No. 6,263,148, with, among other changes, recitations of the memory unit and memory writing unit added thereto.)

However, Applicants respectfully submit that none of Takimoto, Law, and Baumeister, et al., even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claim 52.

The Official Action relies at page 3 upon, e.g., Takimoto’s Fig. 12, items S45, S49, and S52 (“Inhibit rewriting of data of video memory 104”). This reliance is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that said figure shows, e.g., that the operation of

writing data into video memory 104 is stopped, after track # 5 for LP, 10 for SP, and 20 for HP, but that such constitutes neither a description nor a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features.

It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address below.

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